

IN THE CLAIMS:

Listing of the Claims:

1-11. (Cancelled)

12. (Previously presented) A decorative automobile trim piece comprising:

a preshaped formed metal sheet having a decorated first surface and a second surface wherein the metal sheet has a thickness of from 0.005 inches to about 0.025 inches; and

a resin layer applied to the preshaped formed metal sheet second surface wherein at least a portion of the resin layer has a thickness of no greater than 2.5 mm and wherein the resin layer is a glass filled nylon resin including from about 10 to about 30 wt% of glass fibers wherein the automobile trim piece is formed by injection molding and wherein the metal sheet is preformed before is it placed in an injection molding mold.

13. (Previously presented) The decorative automobile trim piece of claim 12 wherein the preshaped metal sheet is a preshaped aluminum sheet.

14-16. (Cancelled)

17. (Previously presented) A decorative automobile trim piece comprising:

a preshaped metal sheet having a decorated first surface and a second surface wherein the metal sheet has a thickness of from 0.005 inches to about 0.025 inches; and

a resin layer applied to the formed metal sheet second surface wherein an adhesive is located between the metal sheet second surface and the resin layer and wherein the thickness of the automobile trim piece ranges from about 0.040 to about 0.156 inches.

18-20. (Cancelled)

21. (Currently amended) The trim level piece of claim ~~[[20]]~~²⁴ wherein the insert is a preformed skin or a preformed metal.

22. (Currently amended) The trim level piece of claim [[20]]24 wherein the insert is comprised of the combination of a preformed skin layer and a preformed metal layer.

23. (Currently amended) The trim level piece of claim [[20]]24 wherein the resin backing is selected from a colored resin, a transparent resin, and an opaque resin.

24. (New) A trim level piece comprising:
an insert having at least one through hole, the insert having a first decorated surface and a second surface;
a resin backing associated with the insert second surface by injection molding; and
at least one feature formed during the injection molding by forcing resin through the at least one through hole wherein the feature protrudes above the insert first decorated surface.

25. (New) A trim level piece comprising:
an insert having a first surface and a second surface;
a resin backing applied to the second surface of the insert by injection molding; and
at least one feature formed during the injection molding process by forcing resin into an injection mold feature on a first surface of an injection mold that abuts the first surface of the insert.

26. (New) The trim level piece of claim 25 wherein the at least one feature is formed by forcing resin against the insert to force a portion of the insert into the injection mold feature.

27. (New) The decorative automobile piece of claim 12 wherein the resin material has a coefficient of expansion that is similar to the coefficient of expansion of the preshaped formed metal sheet.